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Mississippi Oyster Reef Area to Reopen Oct. 28

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced the reopening of Area VIII “B” Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, **effective Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at legal sunrise.**

- **Area VIII “B” Conditionally Approved Waters** (reopening)—as recently redescribed—includes Middle Bay south of 30° 23.010' North Latitude, the North and South Rigolets, L'Isle Chaude, L'Isle Chaude Bay, Jose Bayou, Jose Bay and northern portions of Point Aux Chenes Bay, including the area locally known as Graw Point Bay.

A detailed description of this area and charts are available at the DMR Orange Grove Oyster Check Station or the DMR office in Biloxi.

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hot Line at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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